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BIG MOVIE MAN GRILLED IN TAYLOR MURDER MYSTERY

MABEL NORMAND'S QUARREL WITH SLAIN MOVIE CHIEF LED TO RETURN OF GIFTS

New and Long Love Letter
Sent to Taylor Deciphered
by Los Angeles Police

TIME OF MURDER FINED

Important Evidence, Including
Handkerchief Marked "S,"
Reported as Missing.

The new developments to-day in the hunt for the slayer of William Desmond Taylor, movie director, are: 1. Los Angeles officials examining an independent movie magnate, said to possess significant information bearing on revenge theory. 2. Police decipher new and long love letter sent to slain director; name of sender not made public. 3. Taylor's chauffeur fixes the time of the murder and thinks he has the man with the "S" seen by Mrs. Douglas MacLean. 4. Story of a quarrel between Taylor and Miss Normand told in full by the chauffeur.

ARMED BANDS RAID NORTHERN IRELAND ABDUCTING SCORES

Van Constables Kidnapped in
Battle—Many Unionist
Chiefs Seized.

RELEASED, Feb. 8. (Copyrighted.)—Armed bands roamed across the northern counties of Ireland on night and early to-day, carrying on kidnappings of prominent Unionists from their homes and abducting Ulster Special Constables in an extensive scale.

The Ulster Government announced it would take drastic measures to deal with the raiders. It immediately mobilized in Belfast hundreds of the Ulster Special Constables and dispatched them in forces to the scenes of the kidnappings and attacks, where they are now securing the country in search of the perpetrators.

Up to this afternoon the capture of the Ulster Special Constables had been reported. A number of the raiders were wounded and nearly a score of arrests made.

The counties where the raids occurred were Fermanagh, Tyrone, Donegal and Sligo. In several cases, Unionists attacked, but in a desperate resistance, and were wounded before being carried off.

One constable was shot and killed in a fight with his assailants.

Constabulary ruled in the affected districts and elsewhere in Ireland, where news of the sensational happenings was received, and fears were expressed in quarters friendly to the Provisional Government, now engaged in preparing for the establishment of the Irish Free State, that the events of the day would further complicate its difficult task.

About twenty "B" specials and the sons of some Unionist farmers were kidnapped and spirited away, as well as a lorry load of "A" specials with arms and ammunition.

The raiders accidentally met a lorry and called upon its occupants to halt, which they did, but opened fire. The fire was returned, and one of the specials was wounded. Another party of raiders, just outside of Clones, met a second lorry load of "A" specials, who refused to halt when challenged.

The raiders opened fire, wounding a number of the specials and killing one of them.

At that moment, another lorry load of specials came on the scene from the direction of Newtown Butler and succeeded in rescuing their comrades, including the wounded, from the first lorry, which was left in the road captured by the raiders, together with a quantity of arms and ammunition.

The "B" specials who were kidnapped were taken from a man area of about six square miles of Fermanagh County, along the border of County Monaghan. All telegraph wires were cut in this district.

Eight Constables of the B Special

Two Movie Stars Whose Letters Play Part in Murder Mystery



MARY MILES MINTER.



MABEL NORMAND.

BRITAIN WILLING IRISH AND AMERICA EXCHANGE ENVOYS

Free State May Send Minister
to Washington, and U. S.
One to Dublin.

By David Laurence.
(Special Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8. (Copyrighted.)—Great Britain will look with favor upon the sending of a Minister to the United States to represent the Irish Free State and will offer no objection to the sending of an American Minister to Dublin.

This information was obtained by this correspondent to-day from official sources. Also, if Canada, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, or any British dominion hereafter shall wish direct representation of a diplomatic character at Washington to handle its own special problems, the British Government will be agreeable to it and will ask only that the dominion Ministers be linked up with the British Embassy at Washington, so that in matters affecting the British Empire as a whole, the Ambassador as the senior representative of the King, shall speak for the united British nations.

Although the problem has seemed to grow acute because of the grant of dominion status to Ireland, British policy has for some time been in process of evolution to meet the growing demand of Canada and Australia for direct diplomatic representation. The British Foreign Office has always maintained in Paris a British Minister

to deal with the special problems of the first free state, which was left in the road captured by the raiders, together with a quantity of arms and ammunition.

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FORDNEY SCHEMES NEW TAXES TO PAY SOLDIERS' BONUS

Would Levy on Stock and
Bond and Real Estate and
Add a Cent to Postage.

(From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8. (Copyrighted.)—Chairman Fordney of the Ways and Means Committee has selected what he believes to be three of the most "unobjectionable" taxes with which to raise the money for the soldiers' bonus.

His proposal is that a tax of one-fifth of 1 per cent. be levied on stock and bond transfers on exchanges, one-half of 1 per cent. on all real estate transfers and an increase of one cent in letter postage. These taxes would raise, respectively, \$190,000,000, \$50,000,000 and \$70,000,000, making a total of \$310,000,000. Mr. Fordney said that the soldier bonus payments for the first year would be approximately \$300,000,000, which would be covered by the taxes indicated. Moreover, he believes that within a year or two there will be sufficient money coming in from foreign debtors to make it possible to reduce or abolish entirely the levies thus provided.

No material reduction of Federal taxes for two or three years is in sight, according to Fordney's view.

The savings of the Arms Corporation agreements, such as the scrapping of a number of capital ships, will be offset, it is believed, by the impending Treasury deficit, which may reach \$200,000,000, representing the difference between income and outgo of Federal revenue to the fiscal year.

The Bonus Bill will probably be reported out within ten days, it was estimated to-day. The recommendations of Chairman Fordney are among those embraced in the Soldier Bonus Bill which passed the House in May, 1921. It is too early to determine whether his views will be accepted by the Ways and Means Committee.

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LINER NORTHERN PACIFIC, FORMERLY ARMY TRANSPORT, DESTROYED BY FIRE AT SEA

31 Members of Crew, Only
Persons Aboard, Rescued
by Relief Vessels.

SHIP IS A TOTAL LOSS.

"Hard Luck" Vessel, "Afire"
From Stern to Stern, Sink-
ing Off Jersey.

The former United States Army transport Northern Pacific, reported to be the swiftest commercial vessel afloat, caught fire and was abandoned off Cape May in the early hours this morning. The ship was on her way from the "dead storage" yards of the Shipping Board in Hoboken to the Sun Shipbuilding Corporation of Chester, Pa., to be renovated for service in the Admiral Line, to which she had been allocated.

The Northern Pacific was in charge of Capt. William Lustie, who commanded her before she was put in the transport service. There were 31 men aboard her when she sailed from Hoboken, yesterday.

It was feared for a time that W. J. Mallett, T. U. Peckman, R. U. Hall and H. Kruger, draughtsmen put aboard the ship yesterday by the Sun Shipbuilding Corporation of Chester, Pa., to hurry the reconditioning of the vessel, which was to be completed in ninety days, had been lost. T. J. Kehoe, resident manager of the Admiral Line, announced at noon that he had a message saying the four men were on one of the ships which had been trying to aid the Northern Pacific.

The first news of the plight of the Northern Pacific came to the Naval Communications Office in a wireless at three o'clock this morning from the steamship Heriberto G. Wyllie, which reported she had picked up a lifeboat with five members of the former transport's crew. A moment later came a message from the Transportation of the Merchants and Miners Line, saying that she had aboard "all but nine men" of the Northern Pacific's company.

The Transportation later wireless that she would put in at Hampton Roads to land her share of the rescued men. The Wyllie stood by the burning ship in the hope of saving the four draughtsmen, though she reported just before noon that the Northern Pacific was afloat from stern to stern and sinking by the head.

Lieut. Col. L. H. Bush, Chief of the Army Transport Base in Brooklyn, said his bureau turned over the Northern Pacific to the Shipping Board last December. The Admiral Line announced yesterday that it had taken over the liner and was to spend \$500,000 in making the ship fit for coastwise service. The ship was to be renamed the H. F. Alexander, after the President of the line. It was planned to make the ship over to carry first class passengers only, with accommodations for 674.

The Northern Pacific left Hoboken with a full engine room crew and a full deck crew, but with only enough cooks and stewards to care for the passengers. Her ordinary complement was eighteen officers and 200 men.

The Northern Pacific was launched in 1914, with Mrs. George F. Baker, wife of the Vice President of the First National Bank, as sponsor. She was destined for service between San Francisco and Astoria, Ore. In April, 1921, her steering gear was carried away in a storm and she drifted helplessly for three days off the California coast with 150 passengers aboard. Her crew made repairs and brought her in under her own power after the storm died down.

With 1,000 soldiers aboard, the ship left the sand bar off Fire Island on Jan. 1, 1921, 1,744 of her passengers being hospital patients. These were taken ashore with great difficulty. The ship was not floated until Jan. 18.

The Northern Pacific is 524 feet long with a 63-foot beam and a draft of 21 feet. Her gross tonnage is 4,226 and she was with her sister ship, the greatest turbine driven ship built in this country. In passenger service she had accommodations for 550 first class, 108 second class and 198 third class passengers.

BILL THREATENED TO ABOLISH SCHOOL BOARD IN N. Y. CITY

Senator Simpson Warns Hyland
Members If Dr. Meloney
Is Not Re-Elected.

(From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, Feb. 8.—Senator William T. Simpson to-day introduced a bill similar in purpose to that of Senator Downing's proposed measure making life positions for Associate Superintendents of the Board of Education, and increasing the Superintendent's tenure of office from six to ten years. The Downing bill, which was reported out of the Committee on Education with a rush, is now hanging in the General Orders, because the author desires to move it.

Mr. Simpson threatened in the event of the failure of the Hyland Board of Education of New York City to re-elect to-day Dr. Clarence E. Meloney as Associate City Superintendent, to introduce a bill which would wipe out the board and place the New York public schools under the jurisdiction of the State Commissioner of Education.

The Senator from Kings declared that he had not much hope for the re-election of Dr. Meloney, and said the bill he has in contemplation could not save him as it couldn't be passed in time.

HYLAND MEMBERS
ON SCHOOL BOARD
BALK MAYOR'S PLAN

Tammany Refuses to Back Him
in Attempts to Oust Meloney
and McAndrew.

The Board of Education is expected to-day to re-elect both Dr. Clarence E. Meloney and Dr. William McAndrew Associate Superintendents despite the opposition of Mayor Hylan. The Hylandized members of the board are reported to be frightened by the uproar over injecting politics into the city's schools.

The board is said to fear the State may intervene, oust the board and run the schools until they can be reorganized. The Democratic machine in New York is reported afraid to support the Mayor and dump Meloney, who with McAndrew, C. B. J. Snyder, Superintendent of Buildings, and Patrick Jones, Superintendent of Supts, are up for re-election to-day.

The Hylandized members of the board are said to be determined to do nothing that Gov. Miller might interpret as "dragging the trail of politics through the schools," as he expressed it in a speech Saturday. It is believed the Governor might have had in mind Sections 95 and 96 of the State Education Law, under which the State Commissioner of Education can remove members of the local board when an emergency exists, or where the powers of the local board are improperly exercised. Meloney

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4 THUGS SHOOT 2 POLICEMEN; THREE OF THEM SAY FOURTH KILLED POLICEMAN NEVILLE

ACCUSED BY THREE
COMPANION THUGS
AS NEVILLE SLAYER



JOHN WINQUIST ALIAS HARRY MILLER.

N. Y. PROSECUTORS URGE LAW CHANGES TO CHECK CRIME

Main Recommendation is Life
Sentence for Murder in the
Second Degree.

(From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, Feb. 8.—The Legislative Committee of the State Association of District Attorneys, recently formed to check the crime wave, this afternoon after a conference with Attorney General Charles D. Newton recommended a number of drastic changes in the penal law in its report to the parent body sitting in the Senate Chamber.

Among the changes suggested was the elimination of the minimum sentence for murder in the second degree and substituting a sentence of life imprisonment. The minimum is now 20 years.

The following recommendations also were made:

A life sentence for robbery in the first degree.

Reducing the classification of joy riding to a stolen or "borrowed" machine from felony to misdemeanor in the hope of obtaining more convictions.

Granting District Attorneys the right of appeal from decisions on motions to dismiss indictments.

Giving prosecutors the same rights as attorneys for defendants in the taking testimony outside the State.

Placing additional restrictions on the granting of permits for carrying of weapons.

Having the line of demarcation between petit larceny and grand larceny run \$50 to \$100.

RE. GOLD VEIN REPORTED IN LOS ANGELES STREET.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8.—Gold, said to be thousands of dollars to the ton, has been discovered by employees of an excavation company making preparations for the construction of a building at the corner of Broadway and Jefferson Streets, here, it is reported.

Caught in Elizabeth After Newark Hold-Up, Band Opens Fire at Headquarters Door, but All Are Overpowered.

Elusive Youth Indicted for Crime for Which Hoyt Got 20 Years in Sing Sing Said by Pals to Be Real Slayer.

Four men, under arrest on suspicion of having taken part in a hold-up in Newark, shot up the business centre of Elizabeth, N. J., at 10 o'clock to-day as they were being escorted by policemen from a taxicab into Police Headquarters in the City Hall. Patrolman John Cochran of the Elizabeth force motor cycle squad was seriously wounded and is in the General Hospital. Patrolman Louis Hildebrandt was slightly wounded by a bullet which struck the buckle of his belt and was deflected.

After firing the shots in the presence of scores of citizens, the four murderous robbers made a break for safety. Sergts. Brennan and Ward knocked out three of them. The fourth ran a block and dodged into a hallway. Brennan pursued him and, entering the hall, found the robber at bay with drawn revolver. Brennan sailed into the robber, grabbed the gun and made the arrest.

One of the robbers, Harry Miller, twenty-three years old, of No. 425 East 45th Street, Manhattan, was formally accused by the other three of being the real murderer of Patrolman Daniel J. Neville, who was shot to death the night of Aug. 27 in a vacant lot in West 35th Street, near 11th Avenue.

William J. Hoyt, twenty-four years old, of No. 425 West 35th Street, suspected of the murder, surrendered himself to Father Casini, Chaplain of Sing Sing prison, on Aug. 29. He was indicted, placed on trial and convicted three weeks ago of murder in the second degree and is now serving a sentence of from twenty years to life in Sing Sing.

Hoyt persistently protested his innocence but admitted that he saw the policeman shot. He refused to accuse any one of the murder.

Records at Police Headquarters show that Miller, under his real name, John Winquist, was indicted in September, 1921, for the murder of Police Officer Neville, together with Hoyt, one "Sonny" Gleason, who has since died, and another man. The detectives seeking Miller were not able to get any trace of him.

The records show he has been a professional criminal since he was eleven years old. He was first arrested in 1919 and has served terms in the juvenile reformatory, the penitentiary and Hongsden Farms Reformatory School where the city maintains near Golden, N. Y. Escaping from that institution in November, 1914, Miller managed to elude the police until, in his reckless desire to escape, he started shooting at the Elizabeth policeman to-day.

The three men under arrest in Elizabeth who accuse Miller are Frank Elmendorf, nineteen, of No. 152 West 37th Street; Francis Rutledge, twenty, of No. 142 West 41st Street; and James Priddy of No. 248 West 18th Street. They say they knew Hoyt and that Hoyt probably knows

WHAT HE WAS "COOKING FOR HIS OWN" BLEW UP

It Wasn't Oatmeal but Cop Took to De Alto.

Frank De Alto was "cooking" something this morning on the fifth floor of No. 209 East 25th Street when the stuff boiled over and exploded. Just what it was has not been officially stated, but it was not oatmeal, and the odor of it was such that Patrolman William Kelly, after turning in a fire alarm, took De Alto to the station for questioning.

"I was making it for my personal use," De Alto told reporters while he was waiting.

The explosion broke some windows and tore some plastering loose, but that was about the limit of damage. Twenty-eight families, however, rushed out into the cold street until they were assured that there was no danger.

De Alto lost his eyebrows and some of his hair. He waived examination in the Yorkville Court and was held in \$1,000 bail.

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